



## Experts in the Family Justice System (EFJS) Committee

### Terms of Reference

The Experts in the Family Justice System (EFJS) Committee is a sub-group of the Family Justice Council.

The role of the committee will be to take forward the 22 recommendations of the President's Working Group, as detailed in its [report](#).

In particular, the committee will:

- Be responsible for the delivery of training and mentoring of experts at a regional level.
- Report to the Family Justice Council at its quarterly meetings and subsequently to the national Family Justice Board (FJB) by way of an annual report.
- Set up and supervise eight regional sub-committees across England and Wales. These will be based on the circuits of the Family Division Liaison Judges.
- Enable two-way channels of communication, information and support for experts.
- Develop a strong interface with the national FJB, Local Family Justice Boards and the Family Justice Network Wales.
- Be responsible for liaising with other professional bodies on issues connected with experts in family justice system.
- The committee will comprise relevant FJC members – Judiciary, Junior Barrister, Child Mental Health Specialist, Director of Children's Services, Paediatrician and Solicitor.
- The committee will co-opt external members from relevant professional bodies as required, including particularly Royal College of Radiologists and British Psychologist Society. These will not be nominated members and there will not be a formal structure as to their role. However, there will be an expectation that they will act as a conduit between the Council and their organisation.